

ABAG CALFED Task Force Mission, Goals and Objectives and Operating Guidelines

(agreed to August 6, 2001)

Objectives and Purposes: The CALFED Record of Decision and Principles of Implementation offer a vision of how Californians can work together to link and improve water supply, quality, reliability, and environmental protection in the Bay and Delta. In the Bay Area, the ABAG-CALFED Task Force will strive to link and support the following goals:

Environmental Goal – Improve ecosystem health in the San Francisco Bay and Delta through the environmental restoration priorities included in the

- San Francisco Estuary Project Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan
- San Francisco Bay and Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board Basin Plan
- Baylands Ecosystem Goals Project
- Bay Conservation and Development Commission's Coastal Management Program
- CALFED Ecosystem Restoration Program

Water Management Goals

1. Improve linkage between water supply, quality, and reliability while protecting the aquatic resources of the Bay and Delta
2. Improve linkage between regional water supply reliability planning and local land use decision making to promote sustainable development
3. Ensure consistent high quality, reliable drinking water for the region while protecting aquatic resources of the Bay-Delta.
4. Improve water quality through better pollution control, treatment technologies, and regional water quality projects
5. Enhance water supply reliability through aggressive conservation, recycling, regional interconnections, and the water transfers market

Regional Integration Goals

1. Facilitate discussion among Bay Area decision makers concerned about the CALFED process and its integration with Bay Area water and environmental projects and goals currently underway
2. Facilitate increased communication with other CALFED stakeholders – agricultural water users, rural communities, Delta interests, environmental organizations, non Bay Area M&I users, etc.
3. Integrate and coordinate CALFED ecosystem restoration program goals with local and regionally developed goals and programs underway
4. Educate public officials on CALFED water issues

Funding Goals

1. Support funding for CALFED overall program
2. Ensure that the programs and initiatives to restore the San Francisco Bay watershed and to improve the linkage between water supply, quality, and reliability while protecting the aquatic resources of the Bay and Delta be strongly supported within the context of funding for the overall CALFED program
3. Seek resources to convene the task force and promote its goals and objectives
4. Support project cost sharing formulas that emphasize allocation of project costs to project beneficiaries

Representation Goal - Ensure a local government and San Francisco Bay regional voice in the CALFED process, including:

1. Forth-coming legislation aimed at implementation of CALFED policies
2. Bay Area representation on CALFED Committees
3. Appointment of an official Bay Area local government official on the policy group of the proposed new CALFED Bay/Delta Oversight Implementation Commission and Advisory Committee or Council

1. Task Force Membership

a. Mandate. ABAG Executive Board Resolution # 15.99 of September 16, 1999 noted that the CALFED process and programs were being developed and stated the need to have such programs reflect the needs and existing Bay Area programs to protect Bay Area water resources and the Bay-Delta environment.

b. Formation. On November 16, 2000, ABAG Executive Board approved formation of a San Francisco Bay Area CALFED task force, the membership of which would be representative of the region's diverse water interests, subject to approval by the Executive Board, with local policymakers being eligible for per diem for their participation.

c. Members. ABAG's Executive Board will appoint Task Force members and Task Force officers. Members shall be:

1. A chair and a vice chair (see Section 1.d for criteria) (2)
2. Elected officials representing counties from four different Bay Area Counties (4)
3. Elected officials representing cities from four different Bay Area Cities (4)
4. Elected officials representing water agencies from three different Water Agencies (3)
5. Elected officials representing sanitary districts from one agency (1)
6. Non-voting members (up to 14) as approved by the ABAG-CALFED task force for two-year terms. Non-voting members may be selected to represent the diverse interests concerned with the health of the San Francisco Bay and Estuary, including: Bay Conservation and

Development Commission, the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board, environmental organizations, environmental justice organizations, research institutions, labor, large water users including agricultural users, community watershed protection groups, business interests, others as make their interests known. Members may be re-appointed as per the decision of the task force.

Each task force member may appoint an alternate (elected official or a staff member). The Executive Board will ensure that membership is balanced by geographic subregion.

d. Officers. The task force will have a committee chair who represents an ABAG member agency, and a vice chair representing a water agency. Each will be elected annually. The chair shall officiate all meetings; the vice chair will officiate in the absence of the chair.

e. Committees. The Task Force may appoint committees as is necessary to research and deliberate specific projects that arise. An Executive Committee (with 7 members) shall meet as necessary to conduct the business of the Task Force.

f. Dues. Each member (not including ex officio members) must pay, within the time and on the conditions set by ABAG, the dues, fees, and/or assessments, if any, in amounts to be agreed to by the task force and approved by the Executive Board.

g. Termination. A membership will be terminated on occurrence of any of the following events:

1. Resignation of the member on reasonable notice
2. Failure of the member to pay dues, fees, and/or assessments as set by the Executive Board within thirty (30) days after they become due and payable.

h. Place of Meetings. Regular meetings of the task force will be convened by ABAG. Special meetings may be held at other appropriate locations.

i. Regular Meetings. Regular meetings of the task force will be called at such time as needed, and no less than one time per fiscal year. Meetings may also be held by conference call. It is anticipated that the Task Force will meet quarterly.

j. Quorum. One-half plus one of the voting members of the task force (8) will constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

k. Decision Making. To generate cooperation and collaborative thinking, the Task Force will make a concerted effort to identify key points of agreement on a topic warranting a decision. Points of contention will be noted if members wish

to have them recorded. If, after protracted discussions, the chair does not believe common ground can be found on an issue, the chair may put an item to a vote. A successful vote would be supported by at least 75% of the members present. Areas of disagreement would be noted in the record.

2. Records and Reports

a. Maintenance of Records. The task force will keep minutes in written form of the proceeding of meetings. All records will be maintained by ABAG.

b. Annual Report to Members of ABAG's Executive Board. Each year, at the first meeting of ABAG's Executive Board following October 1, a report of the task force decisions and activities will be presented to the Board. Other items will be presented to the Executive Board as deemed appropriate by the Task Force or ABAG's Executive Director.

c. Administration. The Association of Bay Area Governments, a joint powers agency pursuant to the Government Code Sections 6500, etc. seq., is appointed and employed to administer the ABAG-CALFED Task Force. In carrying out such administration, ABAG will receive an administration fee, which is limited to and will not exceed an amount that reasonably relates to its duties as administrator.

d. Administrative Office. The administrative office shall be the ABAG offices at 101 Eighth Street, Oakland, California, unless changed by the Executive Board.

ABAG CALFED Task Force Membership

(as of January 2002)

County Representatives

Lname	Fname	Organization	EB Appointed	Alternate	Officer
Gioia	John	Contra Costa County	approved	needs alt	
Jacobs Gibson	Rose	San Mateo County	approved	Sup. Mark Church, San Mateo Co.	
Kinsey	Stephen	Marin County	approved	Bob Raab	
Rippey	Mike	County of Napa	approved	Brad Wagenknecht	CHAIR
APPOINTMENT NEEDED			needs approval	needs alt	

City Representatives

Lname	Fname	Organization	EB Appointed	Alternate	Officer
Fleming	Dave	Vacaville	approved	needs alt	
Spiro	Linda	Rohnert Park	replacing Pam Gibson who retired	Dick Ashford, Sonoma City Council	
Mossar	Dena	Palo Alto	approved	needs alt	
Ruskin	Ira	Redwood City	approved	needs alt	

Water Agencies

Lname	Fname	Organization	EB Appointed	Alternate	Officer
Coleman	John	East Bay Municipal Utility District	approved	Katy Foulkes	
Huffman	Jared	Marin Municipal Water District	approved	Pam Nicolai	
Pretti	James	Contra Costa County Water District	approved	David Briggs	
Zlotnick	Gregory A.	Santa Clara Valley Water District	approved	Rosemary Kamei	VICE CHAIR

Sanitary Districts

Lname	Fname	Organization	TF Appointed	Alternate	Officer
Menesini	Mario	Central San (Central Contra Costa SD)	approved	needs alt	

Non Voting

Lname	Fname	Organization	TF Appointed	Alternate	Officer
Barsamian	Loretta	Regional Water Quality Control Board	Exec Board	Larry Kolb	
Davis	Grant	The Bay Institute	Exec Board		
Grader	Zeke	Pacific Coast Federation of Fisherman's Assn.			
			nominee		
Koehler	Cynthia	Save The Bay	nominee		
Salzman	Barbara	SFEI	Exec Board	Bruce Thompson	
Travis	Will	BCDC	nominee	Steve McAdam	

Staff members/Others Attending

Lname	Fname	Organization
Andrew	John	CALFED
Auer	Jean	Friends of the Estuary
Brockbank	Marcia	ABAG
Bursztynsky	Terry	ABAG
Campbell	Brian	EBMUD
Darling	Cindy	CALFED
Fowler	Amy	SCVWD
Goulart	Roberta	Contra Costa Water Agency
Kanouse	Randy	EBMUD
Krebs	Jennifer	ABAG
Leong	Gene	ABAG
Levin	Ellen	San Francisco PUC
Moran	Andy	EBMUD
Nesmith	David	Environmental Water Caucus
Sandkulla	Nicole	Bay Area Water Users Association
Selkirk	Mary	CALFED
Smith	Ted	Friends of the Estuary
Wallace	Douglas	EBMUD
Wang	Daniel	San Mateo County
Wright	Patrick	CALFED

